

## Maggie Brooks

## Monroe County Executive

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## BROOKS ANNOUNCES PROJECTS APPROVED BY COMIDA

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks announced that the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA) today approved incentives for four local economic development projects.

"Monroe County is committed to doing its part to promote economic growth and job creation in our community," said Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks**. "The incentives offered through COMIDA and other County programs, in addition to our plans for The Enterprise Institute, will enable Monroe County to better compete in today's global economy."

The following projects were approved by COMIDA:

?? Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 13 (Lease/leaseback with JobsPlus) 1645 St. Paul Street Rochester, NY 14621

Project Address: **1850 Mt. Read Blvd. Rochester. NY 14615** 

The applicant is purchasing a 9,000 square foot, two-story office building and a 19,000 square foot warehouse at 1850 Mt. Read Blvd. The office building will house the offices for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 13. The warehouse will be converted into a meeting hall and training facility with six to eight classrooms. The total purchase price is \$1,175,000 and renovations to the facility are \$460,000. The total employment at Local 13 is 11 and will increase by one over five years. The total union membership is 745 and the union expects its membership to grow by 80 over the five-year period as a result of the increased training capacity at the new facility. The company seeks approval of JobsPlus based on the local labor and suppliers rule.

?? **E.J. Del Monte Corp.** (Lease/leaseback – sales tax and mortgage tax exemption only)

909 Linden Avenue Rochester, NY 14625

Project Address: **1890 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14626** 

The applicant is proposing to renovate the 210-room Marriott Inn located at 1890 West Ridge Road. The project includes renovation of all public spaces, including the lobby and meeting rooms, new fitness room and exercise equipment, upgrades to HVAC units, new fire alarm system, and new heating and air conditioning units. The total project cost is \$8.3 million. The hotel employs 115 full-time and projects to create eight new full-time jobs over five years. The company is seeking exemption from sales tax and mortgage tax only. The project qualifies as a tourist destination.

?? Webster Hospitality Development, LLC (Lease/leaseback with JobsPlus) 40 Woodfield Drive Webster. NY 14580

Project Address: Corner of Holt Road/Route 104

The applicant is proposing to construct a 68,000 square foot Holiday Inn Express at the northeast corner of Holt Road and Route 104. The hotel will have 104 standard and oversized suites complete with pool, exercise room and conference facilities. The hotel will be located on a 2.85-acre parcel. The total project cost is \$11.1 million. The hotel will employ 20 full-time. The company seeks approval of JobsPlus based on the local labor and suppliers rule. The project qualifies as a tourist destination.

?? Calkins Corporate Park, LLC (Lease/leaseback with JobsPlus) 515 Lee Road Rochester. NY 14606

Project Address: **500 Red Creek Drive Rochester, NY 14623** 

The applicant proposes to construct a 30,000 square foot, two-story Class A office facility to be located at 500 Red Creek Drive in the Town of Henrietta. The facility will be leased. The tenant will be a joint project between the University of Rochester's Department of Imaging Science, Highland Hospital and Strong Memorial Hospital, and will be a Breast Care Center consisting of outpatient imaging and diagnostic services.

The Center will introduce the operation of a newly patented state-of-the-art cone imaging technology, which will be used for the first time at the facility. The services at the Center will include screening mammography, breast ultrasound, stereotactic ultrasound, Mammosite Catheter placement, breast CT and MR. The facility, which will cost approximately \$3.2 million, will impact 16 existing full-time jobs and result in the creation of seven full-time jobs within five years of project completion. The company seeks approval of JobsPlus based on the use of the 100% local labor and suppliers rule to construct the project.

The EquiPlus program combines the investment incentives of the GreatRate and GreatRebate programs with the sales tax exemptions offered through COMIDA. Companies that receive GreatRate or GreatRebate benefits through MCIDC for the purchase of equipment can receive an additional sales tax exemption on the purchase of that equipment through COMIDA.

JobsPlus is a tax abatement program that, in addition to sales tax exemption and/or mortgage tax exemption, provides 90% abatement on increased assessment associated with the project in the first year, decreasing 10% per year for a ten-year period.

COMIDA is a not-for-profit, public benefit corporation and governmental agency. Its purpose is to encourage established businesses to expand locally and to attract new industries to the Monroe County area. COMIDA incentives apply toward the purchase of land and construction of new facilities, the expansion of existing buildings, the purchase of new machinery and equipment, as well as the renovation of existing facilities.